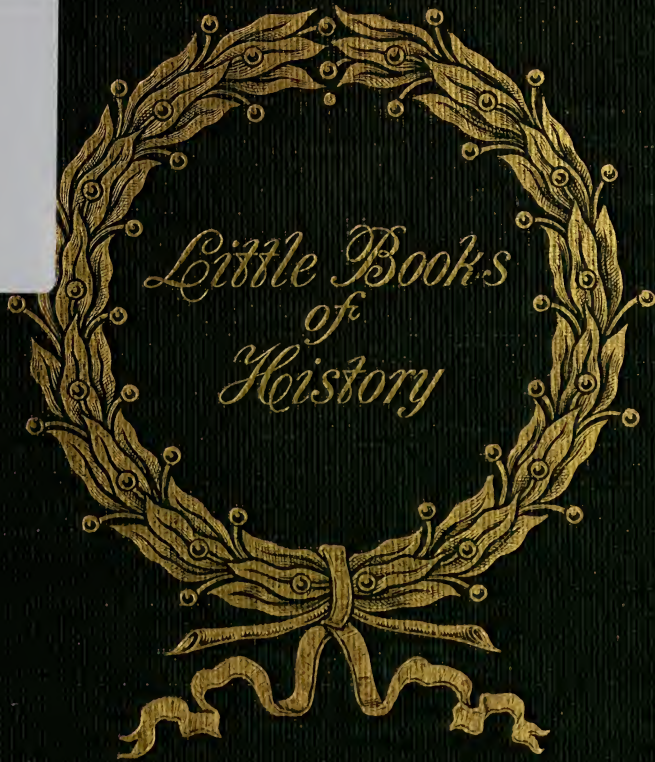


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## HUGH CAPET.

(Reigned 987-996.)

Son of Hugh the Great, Duke of France, and Hedwig, sister of Otto the Great. King of France, 987. 'Ancestor of all the Kings who have sat on the throne of France.'

*b.* 941; crowned at Noyon, in Picardy, 3 July, 987; *d.* Paris, 24 Oct. 996; buried at St. Denis.

Married 970, Adelaide\* (*b.* [?]; *d.* after 1003), daughter of William III., Duke of Aquitaine. (Issue: one son, Robert, his successor; two daughters, Avice, Gisell<sup>2</sup>.)

\* In 1003 Adelaide restored the Priory of Argenteuil, which had been entirely destroyed by the Northmen, and established there a large body of nuns of the Benedictine Order. She was seconded in her efforts by the piety of her son Robert, who authorised her to grant to the Monastery of Argenteuil large estates and considerable privileges.

<sup>1</sup> also called Hedwig.  
= Rainier, C de Hainault

<sup>4</sup> one illegitimate son. Gauzlin  
Abbe de S. Benoît-sur-Loire.  
† Bp. of Bourges later.

<sup>2</sup> = Hugh, "Aroué" of S. Riquier in Ponthieu.

<sup>3</sup> three, Adelaide = Rainaudi, C de Nevers.

## ROBERT II.

(996-1031.)

Son of Hugh Capet and Adelaide; *b.* at Orleans 970; *d.* at Melun, 20 Aug. 1031; buried at St. Denis.

Married (1) 996, Bertha,<sup>4</sup>\* daughter of Conrad the Pacific, King of Burgundy; widow (995) of Eudes, Comte de Chartres; divorced (about 1000) on ground of kinship as godparents. (No issue.)

(2) 1006, Constance d'Arles† (*b.* 983; *d.* at Melun, 25 July, 1032; buried at St. Denis), daughter of the Comte de Provence. (Issue: three sons, Hugh<sup>3</sup>, *d.* 1026; Henry, his successor; Robert I., Duke of Burgundy, *d.* 1075; two daughters, Adelaide<sup>1</sup>, *d.* 1063; Adèle,<sup>2</sup> *d.* 1079.)

\* The Church opposed the marriage of Robert and Bertha because they were fourth cousins, and because Robert had been godfather to one of her children by her first husband. The Archbishop of Tours who had married them was suspended (998) by advice of Pope Gregory V.

† 'She brought with her from the South a strange troop of jugglers and troubadours, and troubled and disturbed and upset all the palace. She enriched the Monastery of Saint Pierre le Vif at Sens, built the Church of Notre Dame de Poissy, and fortified the Château Le Puiset en Beauce, modern Department Eure et Loir.'

2

1. = Baldwin V. Count of Flanders. (Avoise)
2. = Richard III. Duke of Normandy.
3. or Eudes whom some make a 4<sup>th</sup> son.

4. In the "Vic S. Bertulfe" another wife is mentioned "Rosalie", widow of Arnoul II of Flanders (d. 989).

## HENRY I.

(1031-1060.)

Son of Robert II. and Constance; *b.* 1005; associated with his father as King, and crowned at Rheims 14 May, 1027; *d.* 4 Aug. 1060, at Vitry-aux-Loges, near Orleans; buried at St. Denis.

Married<sup>1</sup> 1051, Anne of Russia\* (*b.* 1024; *d.* after 1075), daughter of Jaroslav Vladimirovitch I., Grand Duke of Russia. She married (2) 1062, Raoul de Péronne, Comte de Crépy. After his death, 1066, returned to Russia; returned and *d.* in France at the Abbey de Villiers; buried at La Ferté-Alais (dep. *Seine et Oise*). (Issue: two sons,<sup>1</sup> Philip, his successor; Robert, *d.* 1060<sup>2</sup>)

\* During the life of her husband she took no part in public affairs; after his death she became, with Baldwin of Flanders, guardian of her son, and her seal is affixed to almost all the documents issued in his name down to 1065. She built the Abbey of St. Vincent, Senlis, and retired there on the King's death.

<sup>1</sup> Three. also. Hugh of Vermandois.  
= Adelaide of Vermandois.

<sup>2</sup> Some say he first married, Mathilde, <sup>109</sup> of Comacina, Sicily, and that she died in 1044. Actually she died in 1034 while Henry was betrothed to her.

# PHILIP I.

(1060-1108.)

Son of Henry I. and Anne of Russia ; *b.* 1053 ; crowned at Rheims in presence of his father 23 May, 1059 ; *d.* at Melun 29 July, 1108 ; buried at St. Benoit-sur-Loire.

Married (1) 1071, Bertha (*b.* [?]; 1092, divorced and banished to the Château de Montreuil ; *d.* 1094), daughter of Florent I., Count of Holland. (Issue: one<sup>1</sup> son, Louis, his successor ; one daughter, Constance,<sup>2</sup> living after 1100.)

(2) 1092, Bertrade\* (*b.* [?]; *d.* 1110 at the Convent of Haute-Bruyère, a dependency of Fontevrault, in Anjou), daughter of Simon de Montfort and Agnes d'Evreux. She was already married (1088) to Fulke the Quarrelsome (*b.* at Château-Landon, dep. *Seine et Marne*, 1043 ; *d.* at Angers, 14 April, 1109), Count of Anjou ; divorced 1104, but remains with Philip till his death (1108) ; 1109 takes the veil. (Issue :<sup>3</sup> one daughter, Cecile.<sup>4</sup>)

\* Bertrade, a beautiful and intriguing woman, tried to kill her stepson, Louis. Visited Angers with Philip, and was treated by her former husband as a Queen. The three appeared together, Philip sitting at her side and Fulke on a footstool at her feet, 'with all the respect of a mortal for a goddess.'

1. Three. Henry, Charles. S. 4.
2. = i. Hugh of Champagne.
2. Boemond of Antioch.

- 4
3. Two sons & two daughters.  
Philip of Mantua, Fleury of Mantua. S. 4.  
Eustache = Jean of Etampes. S. 4.
4. = i. Tancred of Galilee  
2. Alfonso of Tripoli.



## LOUIS VI. (THE FAT).

(1108-1137.)

Son of Philip I. and Bertha of Holland ; *b.* 1081 ;  
*cr.* at Orleans, 2 Aug. 1108, Sunday after father's  
death ; *d.* at Paris, 1 Aug. 1137 ; buried at St.  
Denis.

*Sub.*

Married (1) 1104, Lucienne, daughter of Guy the  
Red, Sire de Rochefort ; *div.* 1107. (Issue : one  
daughter, Isabel.<sup>5</sup>)

(2) July, 1115, Adelaide of Savoy (*b.* [?] ; *d.* 1154  
in the Abbey of Montmartre, which she had founded),  
daughter of Humbert II. (Issue : six<sup>5</sup> sons, Philip,<sup>1</sup>  
*d.* 1131 ; Louis, his successor ; Henry,<sup>4</sup> *d.* 1175 ;  
Hugh<sup>3</sup> ; Robert ;<sup>2</sup> Philip,<sup>3</sup> *d.* 1161 ; one daughter,  
Constance, *m.*<sup>7</sup> 1140 Eustace de Blois.<sup>6</sup>)

After Louis' death Adelaide married, 1138, the  
Constable Matthew de Montmorency. (Issue by  
second marriage, one daughter.)

1. = a. & s. of D. of Champagne.
2. of Dreux, c. p.
3. a monk and then  
Bishop? at Nyon.
8. = William de Chamont

4. Bp. of Beauvais, Abp. of Rheims.
5. Seven. Peter = the heiress de Courtenai c. p.
6. Son of Stephen of England.
- 7 = 2. Raimond V. of Toulouse.

## LOUIS VII. (THE YOUNG).

(1137-1180.)

Son of Louis VI. and Adelaide of Savoy ; *b.* 1121 ; crowned at Rheims 1131 ; *d.* at Paris 18 Sept. 1180 ; buried at Melun.

Married (1) 4 July, 1137, at Bordeaux, Eleanor\* (*b.* 1122 [?]; *d.* at Fontevrault, 1 April, 1204 ; buried at Fontevrault), eldest daughter of William X., Duke of Aquitaine, and Eleanor of Châtelleraut. (Issue : two daughters, Mary,<sup>1</sup> *d.* 1198 ; Alix,<sup>2</sup> living 1183.)

Marriage dissolved 21 March, 1152. At Whitsuntide, 1152, she married, secondly, Henry Count of Anjou, afterwards Henry II. of England. (Issue : five sons, William, *d.* 1156 ; Henry, *d.* 1182 ; Richard Cœur de Lion, *d.* 1199 ; Geoffrey, *d.* 1186 ; John, King of England, *d.* 1216 ; three daughters, Maud, *m.* Henry the Lion, Duke of Saxony ; Eleanor, *m.*

\* Vigorous to the last, on the death of her son, Richard, Cœur de Lion, she secured the succession of her youngest son, John, 1199, and early in 1200, close on eighty, started for Castile to arrange for the marriage of Alfonso's daughter Blanche with Philip Augustus' son Louis, afterwards Louis VIII.

1. = Henry i. of Champagne.

2. = Thibault, c. of Blois.

## LOUIS VII.

Alfonso, King of Castile; Joan,\* *m.* (1) William II., King of Sicily, (2) Raymond, Count of Toulouse.)

He married (2), at Orleans, 1154, Constance of Castile\* (*b.* [?]; *m.* at Orleans, 1154; *d.* 4 Oct. 1160, at Paris; buried at the Abbey de Barbeau), daughter of Alfonso VIII., King of Castile, and Berengaria, sister of Raymond, Count of Barcelona. (Issue: two daughters, Margaret,<sup>1,5</sup> *d.* 1197; Alix,<sup>2</sup> *d.* 1161.)

(3) Oct. 1160, *m.* Alix de Champagne† (*b.* [?]; *d.* 4 June, 1206), daughter of Theobald of Blois, Count of Champagne. (Issue: one son, Philip, his successor; one<sup>4</sup> daughter, Alix,<sup>3</sup> betrothed 1174 to Richard Cœur de Lion.)

\* A woman of dazzling beauty, she justified the old French saying, 'We are under obligation to the Spaniards for having always given us good Queens.'

† Alix, appointed Regent during her son's absence on Crusade, ruled with a rod of iron, and bowed neither before Pope nor great vassal. Neither the Church nor feudalism gained by the absence of Philip Augustus. His mother pursued the great work of the reign—the reconstitution of the royal power.

1. = Henry, son of Henry II of England.

2. = William III, of Ponthieu. possibly = 3.

3. Sec. 2.

4. The Agnes = i. Alexis Comnenus

ii. Andronicus Comnenus.

iii. Theodore Boranes.

5 = ii. Bela III of Hungary

## PHILIP II. (AUGUSTUS).

(1180–1223.)

Son of Louis VII. and Alix of Champagne; *b.* at Paris, 21 Aug. 1165; crowned at Rheims, in lifetime of his father, 1 Nov. 1179; *d.* at Mantes, 14 July, 1223; buried at St. Denis.

Married (1) 1 June, 1180, at St. Denis, Isabel de Hainaut (*b.* at Lille, April, 1170; *d.* at Paris, 15 March, 1190; buried at Notre Dame), daughter of Baldwin V. and Margaret of Alsace. (Issue: one son, Louis, his successor.)

(2) 14 Aug. 1193, Ingeborg of Denmark\* (*b.* 1176 [?]; *d.* at Corbeil, 29 July, 1238), daughter of Vladimir I. and Sophie, a princess of Russian origin. (No issue.)

\* Although she, Ingeborg, was fair and virtuous, Philip took an aversion to her and forced obsequious Bishops to dissolve the marriage within three months; she appealed to Pope Innocent III., who laid the kingdom under an interdict, 1198, which lasted two years. Imprisoned and ill-treated till 1213, she was then reconciled to Philip, who wished to curry favour with the Pope.

## PHILIP II.

(3) June, 1196, Agnes de Méranie\* (*b.* [?]; *d.* at Château de Poissy, 1201; buried in Church of St. Corentin, near Mantes), daughter of Berthold, Duc de Méranie, Tyrol. (Issue: one son, Philip,<sup>1</sup> *d.* 1233; one daughter, Mary,<sup>2</sup> *d.* 1238.)

### MISTRESS.

By a demoiselle d'Arras Philip Augustus had a son, Pierre Charlot, Bishop of Noyon, in Picardy, 1240; *d.* 1249.

\* For four years neither the threats of Pope Innocent III. nor the advice of the clergy could win the King away from Agnes, but, after braving for two years the excommunication of himself and the interdict laid on the kingdom, he took back Ingeborg and put away Agnes.

1. Count of Mortain and Boulogne.
2. = i. Count Arthur of Brittany.  
2. Philip, Count of Namur.
3. Henry, Duke of Brabant.

## LOUIS VIII.

(1223-1226.)

Son of Philip Augustus and Isabel de Hainaut ;  
*b.* at Paris, 5 Sept. 1187 ; crowned at Rheims, 6 Aug.  
1223 ; *d.* at Montpensier, 8 Nov. 1226.

Married at Purmor, Normandy, 23 May, 1200,  
Blanche of Castile\* (*b.* 1184 ; *d.* Nov. 1252 ; body  
buried at Maubuisson, near Pontoise ; heart removed  
to the Abbey du Lys), daughter of Alfonso IX.,  
King of Castile, and Eleanor of England, grand-  
daughter of Henry II. (Issue : five sons, Philip, *d.*  
1218 ; Louis, his successor ; Robert, Comte d'Artois ;  
John,<sup>2</sup> Comte d'Anjou, *d.* 1226 ; Alphonse, Comte de  
Toulouse, *d.* 1271 ; one daughter, Isabel, *d.* 1269.)

\* She supported warmly her husband's expedition to England,  
though it was objected to by Philip Augustus and the Pope ; a great  
ruler and warrior, Regent during the minority and absences of her  
son Louis IX., her death so affected him that, according to Joinville,  
he allowed no one to speak to him for two days.

1. a nun.

2. Some say he had six sons and that Charles was  
the name of the Count of Anjou and that Jean who died  
a few days after his father was a different person.



## LOUIS IX. (ST. LOUIS).

(1226-1270.)

Son of Louis VIII. and Blanche of Castile; *b.* at Poissy, 25 April, 1215; crowned at Rheims, 29 Nov. 1226; *d.* at Carthage, 25 Aug. 1270, bones buried at St. Denis.

Married at Sens, 27 May, 1234, Marguerite de Provence\* (*b.* 1221; *d.* 20 Dec. 1295, at Paris, Convent of St. Marceau; buried at St. Denis), eldest daughter of Raymond-Bérenger IV., Comte de Provence, and Beatrix of Savoy. (Issue: six sons, Louis,<sup>1</sup> *d.* 1260; Philip, his successor; John,<sup>2</sup> *d.* 1248; John,<sup>3</sup> *b.* 1250, *d.* 1270; Peter,<sup>4</sup> *d.* 1284; Robert,<sup>5</sup> Comte de Clermont, *d.* 1327; five daughters, Isabel,<sup>6</sup> *d.* 1271; Blanche, *d.* 1244; Blanche,<sup>5</sup> *b.* 1252, *d.* 1320; Margaret,<sup>6</sup> *d.* 1271; Agnes,<sup>7</sup> *d.* 1327.)

\* She was one of four sisters who all became Queens—Marguerite, of France; Eleanor, of England; Sancier, who married Robert de Cornuailles, elected King of the Romans; and Beatrix, Queen of Naples and Sicily. She followed (1248) her husband to the Crusade, and was besieged in Damietta.

6. 1244      2. 10. March. 1248.      3. C. le Nevers. 1. 3. Aug.      4. = Thibaut of Navarre.  
5. Alphonso of Castille.      11. 6. = Jean. i. of Brabant      7. = Robert ii of Burgundy.  
8. = Beatrice of Burgundy.      9. Count d'Alencon

## PHILIP III. (THE BOLD).

(1270-1285.)

Son of St. Louis and Marguerite de Provence ;  
*b.* at Paris 3 April, 1245 ; crowned at Rheims,  
15 Aug. 1271 ; *d.* at Perpignan, 5 Oct. 1285 ;  
buried at St. Denis.

Married (1) at Clermont, Auvergne, 28 May,  
1262, Isabel\* (*b.* 1247 ; *d.* at Cosenza in Calabria,  
28 Jan. 1271), daughter of James I. King of Aragon,  
and Yolande of Hungary. (Issue : four sons, Louis,  
*d.* 1276 ; Philip, his successor ; Charles, Comte de  
Valois ; Robert, died in infancy.)

(2) at Vincennes, Aug. 1274, Marie† (*b.* [?] ; *d.* at  
Muret [*Aisne*], 12 Jan. 1321 ; heart buried at the

\* As she was returning from Africa, a fall from her horse brought on a premature confinement and her death seventeen days afterwards. Philip took her body to France and buried her at St. Denis.

† 1276, suspected of poisoning her eldest stepson Louis, was for a time in prison ; no real proof of guilt. A patroness of poets, she had a high reputation for her virtues and her piety. On her husband's death (1285) 'she withdrew from the world, and only occupied herself with her pious foundations.'



### PHILIP III.

Jacobins, body at the Cordeliers, Paris), eldest daughter of Henry III., Duke of Brabant, and Alix of Burgundy. (Issue: one son, Louis, Comte d'Evreux; two daughters, Margaret, *m.* Edward I. of England, *d.* 1317; Blanche, *d.* 1306.)

1. = Duke of Austria. (Rudolph)

## PHILIP IV. (THE FAIR).

(1285-1314.)

Son of Philip III. and Isabel of Aragon; *b.* at Fontainebleau, 1268; crowned at Rheims, 6 Jan. 1286; *d.* at Fontainebleau, 29 Nov. 1314; body buried at St. Denis, heart at Poissy in the Monastery Church he had founded.

Married 16 Aug. 1284, Jeanne\* (*b.* at Bar-sur-Seine, 14 Jan. 1273; *d.* at Vincennes, 2 April, 1306), only daughter of Henry, King of Navarre, and Blanche d'Artois. (Issue: three sons—all came to the throne—Louis X., Philip V., Charles IV.; one<sup>2</sup> daughter, Isabel, *b.* 1292, *m.* 1308 Edward II. of England, *d.* 1357.)

\* A warrior queen. When Henri de Bar invaded Champagne, 1297, she put herself at the head of the royal army. A munificent patroness of learning, she founded the College of Navarre.

1. 4 sons. Robert. *d.* 1308
2. Three. Margaret betn. to Ferdinand of Castille.  
Jeanne. *A. G.*

## LOUIS X. (THE QUARRELSOME).

(1314-1316.)

Son of Philip IV. and Jeanne de Navarre; *b.* at Paris, 3 Oct. 1289; crowned at Rheims, 24 Aug. 1315; *d.* at Vincennes, 5 June, 1316.

Married (1) 1305, Margaret\* (*b.* 1290; *d.* April 1315, at Château Gaillard, Normandy; buried at Vernon, Cordeliers Church), daughter of Robert II., Duke of Burgundy, and Agnes, fifth daughter of Louis IX. (Issue: one daughter, Jane, *b.* 1311; *m.* 1317, Philip, King of Navarre, *d.* 1349.)

(2) at St. Lié, near Troyes, 3 Aug. 1315, Clemence† (*b.* [?]; crowned at Rheims, 15 Aug. 1315; *d.* at Aix, 13 Oct. 1328), daughter of Charles Martel, titular King of Hungary. (Issue: one son, posthumous (*b.* 15 Nov., *d.* 20 Nov. 1316), lived five days, John I.)

\* Spring, 1314, Margaret and her sisters-in-law, Jeanne and Blanche 'the ladies of the Tour de Nesle,' were arrested, charged with adultery. Margaret and Blanche imprisoned, Château des Andelis. 1315. Transferred to Château Gaillard where, in April, Margaret was strangled, *not*, as is generally believed, with her own hand.

† 1316, on death of Louis retires, first to Avignon, then (1318) takes veil at Convent of St. Dominique, Aix; dies there (1328), and is buried in the Jacobins Convent at Paris, by the side of her grandfather, Charles, brother of St. Louis, under a monument she had had raised to the memory of them both.

## PHILIP V. (THE TALL).

(1316-1322.)

Succeeded his brother, Louis X.; *b.* 1294; crowned at Rheims, 6 Jan. 1317; *d.* at Longchamps, 13 Jan. 1322; buried at St. Denis.

Married Jan. 1307, Jane\* (*b.* [?], *d.* Paris, 22 Jan. 1325), daughter of Otho IV., Count of Burgundy, and Mahaut, Countess of Artois. (Issue: one<sup>1</sup> son, Louis, *b.* 1315, *d.* 1316; four daughters, Jane,<sup>2</sup> *d.* 1347; Margaret<sup>3</sup>, *d.* 1382; Isabel,<sup>4</sup> living 1345; Blanche,<sup>5</sup> *d.* 1358.)

\* 1313, charged, in company with her sister Blanche and her sister-in-law Margaret, she was condemned to imprisonment for life in the Château de Dourdan. 1314, taken back by her husband, and after his death lived in the Tour de Nesle.

1. Two. one betrothed.

3. = Louis, C. of Flanders

5. a nun.

2. = Eudes IV. of Burgundy.

4. = Guignes VIII of Vermandois.

## CHARLES IV. (THE FAIR).

(1322-1328.)

Succeeded his brother Philip V.; *b.* 1294; crowned at Rheims 21 Feb. 1322; *d.* 31 Jan. 1328; body buried at St. Denis, heart in Jacobins Convent, Paris, entrails in the Abbey of Maubuisson, near Pontoise.

Married (1) Jan. 1307, Blanche\* (*b.* 1296: *d.* at the Abbey of Maubuisson, 1326); daughter of Otho IV., Count of Burgundy, and Mahaut, Countess of Artois. (Issue: two daughters, died young, Philippa and Jane.)

(2) at Troyes, 21 Sept. 1322, Marie de Luxembourg (*b.* 1305; *d.* at Issoudun [*Indre*], 1324, after premature confinement), daughter of Henry VII., Emperor of Germany; dispensation for the marriage, as they were cousins, was granted by the Pope.

(3) 5 July, 1324, his cousin Jeanne d'Evreux, (*b.* [?], *d.* 1371; buried at St. Denis), daughter of Louis of France, Comte d'Evreux. (Issue: one<sup>a</sup> daughter, Blanche,<sup>1</sup> *b.* 1328, *d.* 1346.)

\* 'The most beautiful woman in the world,' according to Froissart. She was tonsured and imprisoned, with her sister-in-law Margaret, in the Château Gaillard, 1315; transferred before 1325 to the Château de Gauray, and soon after took the veil and died.

## PHILIP VI.

(1328-1350.)

Grandson of Philip III., being son of Charles de Valois, third son of Philip III., and of Isabel of Aragon; *b.* 1293; succeeded 1 April, 1328; crowned at Rheims 29 May, 1328; *d.* at Nogent-le-Roi (*Eure-et-Loir*), 22 Aug. 1350; body buried at St. Denis, entrails in the Jacobins Convent, at Paris, heart at Bourg-Fontaine).

Married (1) 1313, Jane (*b.* [?]; *d.* Sept. 1349), daughter of Robert II., Duke of Burgundy. (Issue: two <sup>3</sup>sons, John, his successor; Philip, Duke of Orleans, *b.* 1336, *d.* 1373; one daughter, Mary;<sup>2</sup> *d.* 1333.)

(2) at Paris, 19 Jan. 1350, Blanche de Navarre\* (*b.* 1332; *d.* 1398), daughter of Philip III., King of Navarre, and Jane of France. (Issue: one daughter, Jane,<sup>1</sup> *b.* 1351, *d.* 1371.)

\* 'In 1350 three grand marriages redoubled the Court fêtes: the King married Blanche, 19 Jan.; John, his son, married the widow of Philip, Duke of Burgundy; and Charles, Dauphin of the Viennois, Jeanne de Bourbon.'

Blanche had been intended for John II., but the father, Philip VI., took her for himself.



## JOHN II. (THE GOOD).

(1350-1364.)

Son of Philip VI. and Jane of Burgundy; *b.* 20 April, 1319; crowned at Rheims 26 Sept. 1350; *d.* in the Savoy, London, 8 Sept. 1364; buried at St. Denis.

Married (1) at Melun, May, 1332, Bonne (*b.* [?]; *d.* Sept. 1349), daughter of John of Luxemburg, King of Bohemia. (Issue: four sons, Charles, his successor; Louis,<sup>6</sup> Duke of Anjou; John,<sup>4</sup> *d.* 1416; Philip,<sup>7</sup> Duke of Burgundy; three<sup>5</sup> daughters, Jane,<sup>1</sup> *b.* 1343, *d.* 1373; Mary,<sup>2</sup> *b.* 1344, *d.* 1404; Isabel,<sup>3</sup> *b.* 1348, *d.* 1372.)

(2) at Paris, 9 Feb. 1350, Jeanne d'Auvergne\* (*b.* 1325; *d.* 21 Nov. 1361), widow of Philip of Burgundy.

\* During the captivity of John II., the royal authority was annihilated. The Queen was an excellent woman, but without any influence in the State.

1. = Charles the Bad.      2. = Robert I. D. of Bar.  
3. = John Visconti of Milan.  
4. Duke of Berry      5. Four. Margaret, a nun.  
6. King of Sicily = Marie de Blois.      7. *d.* 1404.

## CHARLES V. (THE WISE).

(1364-1380.)

Son of John II. and Bonne of Luxemburg; *b.* at Vincennes, 21 Jan. 1337; crowned at Rheims 19 May, 1365; *d.* at Beauté-sur-Marne, 16 Sept. 1380; body buried at St. Denis, heart in Notre Dame, Rouen, entrails in Maubuisson.

Married, Tain (Dauphiné), 8 April, 1350, Jane\* (*b.* at Vincennes, 1338; *d.* 6 Feb. 1378), daughter of Peter I., Duke of Bourbon, and Isabel of Valois. (Issue<sup>2</sup>: two sons, Charles, his successor; Louis, Duke of Orleans, *b.* 1371, *d.* 1407; one daughter, Catherine,<sup>1</sup> *b.* 1377, *d.* 1388.)

\* Charles was devoted to her, and called her the 'Sun of his Kingdom.'

<sup>1</sup> = Jean, D. de Montpensier.

<sup>2</sup>. Six other children. *l.ii.*



## CHARLES VI. (THE WELL-BELOVED).

(1380-1422.)

Son of Charles V. and Jane of Bourbon; *b.* at Paris, 3 Dec. 1368; crowned at Paris, 22 Aug. 1389; April, 1417, banished from Blois, then to Tours; 2 Nov. 1417, Regent at Chartres, then at Troyes; 1422, at Siege of Melun; May, 1422, returns with English Henry to Paris; *d.* at Paris, 21 Oct. 1422; buried at St. Denis.

Married at Amiens, 17 July, 1385, Isabelle\* (*b.* 1371; *d.* at Paris, 24 Sept. 1435), daughter of Stephen II., Duke of Bavaria, and Thadée Visconti, 'The Scourge of France.' (Issue: six sons, Charles, *b.* and *d.* 1386; Charles, *b.* 1391, *d.* 1400; Louis, *b.*<sup>3</sup> 1396, *d.* 1415<sup>4</sup>; John, *b.*<sup>6</sup> 1398, *d.*<sup>7</sup> 1416; Charles, his successor; Philip, *b.* and *d.* 10 Nov. 1407; five daughters, Isabel, *b.* 1389, *m.*<sup>1</sup> 1396 Richard II. of England, *d.* 1409; Jane,<sup>2</sup> *b.* 1390, *d.* 1433; Mary,<sup>5</sup> *b.*

\* 'Isabelle lived thirteen years longer than her husband. Reduced gradually to isolation, cursed by the French and despised by the English, she spent her last days in sadness at the Hotel St. Pol, where she died, and was buried secretly at St. Denis by the side of her husband.'

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1. *m.* ii Charles of Angoulême  
3. a nun. 4. 18. Dec. 5. 22. Jan.

2. Jean vi. d. of Bretagne.  
de Montfort.  
6. 31 Aug. 7. 4. Apr. (1417)

## CHARLES VI.

1393, *d.* 1438 ; Michelle, *b.* 1394, *d.* 1422 ; Katherine, *b.* 1401, *m.* (1) 1420, Henry V. of England, (2) 1422, Owen Tudor, *d.* 1438.)

### MISTRESS.

ODETTE DE CHAMPDIVERS ; the first mistress of a King of France whose name has come down to us ; the Little Queen ; rewarded with the manors of Oreil and Bagnolet ; had a daughter legitimatised 1427 as Margaret of Valois, who *d.* before 1458.

1. = Philip-le-Bon.

## CHARLES VII.

(1422-1461.)

Fifth but only surviving son of Charles VI. and Isabelle of Bavaria; *b.* at Paris, 22 Feb. 1403; crowned at Rheims, 17 July, 1429; *d.* at Mehun-sur-Yèvre in Berry, 22 July, 1461; buried at St. Denis.

Married, 1422, Marie\* (*b.* 14 Oct. 1404; *d.* at Poitiers, 23 Nov. 1463), eldest daughter of Louis II., King of Sicily, and Yolande of Aragon. (Issue: two sons, Louis, his successor; Charles, Duc de Berry, *b.* 1446, *d.* 1472; four<sup>6</sup> daughters, Catherine,<sup>1</sup> *b.* 1428, *d.* 1446; Jane,<sup>2</sup> *b.* 1432, *d.* 1488; Yolande,<sup>3</sup> *b.* 1434, *d.* 1478; Magdalen,<sup>4</sup> *b.* 1443, *d.* 1486.)

### MISTRESSES.

(1) SOREL, or SOREAU AGNES; *b.* at Fromenteau, Touraine, 1422; *d.* at Jumièges, Normande, 9 Feb. 1450; (body buried in the Collegiate Church, Loches; heart, in the Abbey of Jumièges); daughter of Jean Sorel, or

\* 1422, *Petite reine de Bourges*; 1423, at the Château de Loches; 1429, Château de Chinon, in abject poverty.

A too famous rival not only usurped her place at Court, but has gained credit for what really belongs to Marie, the glory of having kept up the courage of Charles when he was on the point of yielding to his enemies.

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1, = Charles of Charolais.  
3, = Amadeus ix. of Savoy.  
5. Four (doubt) others.

2. Duchesse de Bourbon.  
4. = Gaston de Foix (Antoine)  
6. Six daughters. Jeanne = Antoin de Benil.  
These were the children of Agnes Sorel. Marguerite = Olivier de Coëtrin.

## CHARLES VII.

Soreau, and Catherine de Maignelais; 1444, in service with Isabel of Lorraine, wife of René d'Anjou, brother of Queen Marie; 1444, with her at French Court; 1444, Maid of Honour to the Queen, and becomes Charles's mistress, and receives the Château de Beauté-sur-Marne; hence the joking title, 'la dame de beauté.\*' (Issue: four daughters; three legitimatised and married; one died young.

(2) VILLECQUIER † (Antoinette de Maignelais) Baroness de; *b.* 1420; *d.* 1474; daughter of Raoul de Maignelais; introduced by her cousin, Agnes Sorel, to Court; 1450, *m.* King's Chamberlain, André de Villecquier; receives for dowry islands of Oleron, Marennnes, Arvert; 1454, widow and procuress for the King; 1459, Château de Montbazou, meets Francis II., Duke of Brittany; 1461, his mistress; ascendancy absolute; 1465, associates herself with him in movement against Louis XI.; 1467, Louis confiscates her estates. (Issue: by her husband, two sons; by the Duke of Brittany, three sons, two daughters; eldest son legitimatised, and created, 1480, Premier Baron of Brittany.

\* She is said to have had but one enemy at Court, the Dauphin (afterwards Louis XI.); he, a lad of fourteen, is said to have boxed her ears.

† 'The Dauphin gained nothing by the change of mistresses. Antoinette, arrogant and proud, as overbearing as Agnes had been considerate and modest, made the people and the Court alike doubly regret the King's first passion.'

1. Charlotte = Jacques de Brézé.

## LOUIS XI.

(1461–1483.)

Son of Charles VII. and Marie d'Anjou ; *b.* at Bourges, 3 July, 1423 ; crowned at Rheims, 15 Aug. 1461 ; *d.* at Plessis-les-Tours, 30 Aug. 1483 ; buried at Notre Dame, Clery-sur-Loire.

Married (1), at Tours, 24 June, 1436, Margaret\* (*b.* 1424 ; *d. s. p.* at Sarry-le-Château, 16 Aug. 1444), eldest daughter of James I. of Scotland, and Joanna Beaufort, daughter of John, Earl of Somerset.

(2) At Chambéry, 8 March, 1451, Charlotte† (*b.* 1445 ; *d.* at Amboise, 1 Dec. 1483 ; buried at Notre Dame, Clery-sur-Loire), youngest daughter of Louis, Duke of Savoy, and Anne of Cyprus. (Issue :

\* She was a great favourite with the King and Queen, but looked coldly upon by her husband, the Dauphin, who was suspected—probably without good reason—of having poisoned her. Her last words were, 'A curse on life : don't speak to me about it.' 'There was no one in all the world,' says Commynes, 'she dreaded like my lord the Dauphin.'

† 'More of a Burgundian than a Frenchwoman,' said her husband of her. She passed the last days of her life banished to Dauphiné, and Louis on his death-bed, according to Brantôme, gave orders that she was to be kept away from her son and kept at Loches.

## LOUIS XI.

three sons, Joachim, *b.* 1459, *d.* in infancy; Charles, his successor; Francis D. de Berry; three daughters, Louise, *b.* 1460, *d.* in infancy; Anne of Beaujeu,<sup>2</sup> *b.* 1462; Jane<sup>1</sup>; *b.* 1464, *d.* 1505.)

### MISTRESS.

SASSENAGE, MARGUERITE DE (*b.* [?], *d.* [?]), only daughter of Henry III., Seigneur de Sassenage and Antoinette de Saluces, and widow of Amblard de Beaumont; *m.* 1438; had, by Louis XI., two daughters.

(a) JEANNE DE FRANCE; *b.* after 1445; legitimatised, 25 Feb. 1465; *m.* at Orleans, March, 1465, Louis Bâtard de Bourbon, Count of Roussillon (*b.* 1466; *d.* 1486), *d.* 1519; buried in her own chapel at the Cordeliers, Mirabeau (*Vaucluse*),

(b) MARIE DE FRANCE; *b.* after 1445; legitimatised 25 Feb. 1465; *m.* at Chartres, June, 1467, Aymar de Poitiers; *d.* in childbed, 1468.

1 = Louis d. Valois.  
(Louis XII).

2. Pierre de Bourbon de Beaujeu



## CHARLES VIII.

(1483-1498.)

Son of Louis XI. and Charlotte of Savoy ; *b.* at Amboise, 30 June, 1470 ; crowned at Rheims, 30 May, 1484 ; *d.* at Amboise, 7 April, 1498 ; heart buried at Notre Dame, Clery, body at St. Denis.

Married, at Langeais, Touraine, 6 Dec. 1491, Anne\* (*b.* at Nantes, 26 Jan. 1476 ; *d.* at Blois, 9 Jan. 1514), daughter and heiress of Francis II., Duke of Brittany, and Margaret of Foix. (Issue : three sons, Charles, *b.* 1492, *d.* 1495 ; Charles, *b.* and *d.* 1496 ; Francis, *d.* in infancy ; one daughter, Anne, *d.* in infancy ; all of whom predeceased him.)

\* A lovely woman, as wise as she was beautiful, so affected by Charles's death that she went two days without food, wore black for mourning, although hitherto white had been the colour of Queens' mourning.

## LOUIS XII.

(1498-1515.)

Great-grandson of Charles V. (*b.* at Blois, March, 1462; crowned at Rheims, 27 May, 1498; *d.* at Paris, 1 Jan. 1515; heart buried at Church of the Celestins, Paris; body at St. Denis by side of second wife, Anne of Brittany), only son of Charles, Duke of Orleans, and Mary of Cleves.

Married (1), Jeanne\* (*b.* 1464; *d.* at Bourges, 4 Feb. 1505), youngest daughter of Louis XI. and Charlotte of Savoy; canonised 1743.

Marriage annulled by Pope Alexander VI., 17 Dec. 1498.

(2) At Nantes, 7 Jan. 1499, Anne of Brittany† [see under Charles VIII.]. (Issue: two daughters,

\* There was no excuse for a divorce; it was a piece of scandalous and cruel trafficking, but it was useful for France that Anne of Brittany should bring her Duchy to the French King.

† It was stipulated in the marriage contract with Charles VIII. that Brittany should belong to the survivor of the pair; if Anne outlived Charles she should marry his successor, which she did, not unwillingly, as the Duke of Orleans had been an old lover of hers.



## LOUIS XII.

Claude [see under Francis I.]; Renée, *b.* 1510, *d.* 1575.)

(3) At Abbeville, Picardy, 11 Oct. 1514, Mary Tudor\* (*b.* March, 1496, at Windsor; *d.* at Westhorpe, Suffolk, 24 June, 1533), third daughter of Henry VII. and Elizabeth of York. (No issue.)

His widow married, secondly (having been previously married in Paris), at Greenwich, 13 May, 1515, Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk. (Issue: one son, two daughters.†)

\* 'It was a most unequal union, he being fifty-two and she eighteen; he prematurely old, vexed with disease; she in all her English freshness of youth and loveliness.'

† Her eldest daughter Frances was mother of Lady Jane Grey. Several portraits of Mary are extant, all testifying to her remarkable beauty.

1. *Hercote d'Este . d. of Ferrara.*

## FRANCIS I. (THE FATHER OF LETTERS.)

(1515-1547.)

Cousin and son-in-law of Louis XII.; *b.* at Cognac, 12 Sept. 1494; crowned at Rheims, 20 Jan. 1515; *d.* at Rambouillet, 31 March, 1547; heart buried in the Monastery Church, La Haute Bruyère, body at St. Denis. Only son of Charles, Comte d'Angoulême and Louise of Savoy.

Married, at St. Germain-en-Laye, 18 May, 1514 (1) Claude de France,\* 'the good Queen' (*b.* at Romorantin [*Loir et Cher*], 14 Oct. 1499; crowned at St. Denis, 10 May, 1517; *d.* at Blois, 20 July, 1524), eldest daughter of Louis XII. and Anne of Brittany. (Issue: three sons, Francis, *b.* 1517, *d.* 1536; Henry, his successor; Charles, Duke of Orleans, *b.* 1522, *d.* 1545; four daughters, Louise, *b.* 1515, *d.* 1517; Charlotte, *b.* 1516, *d.* 1524; Magdalen,<sup>1</sup> *b.* 1520, *d.* 1537; Margaret,<sup>2</sup> *b.* 1523, *d.* 1574.)

\* 'She was regarded as the flower and pearl of the ladies of her time, being the very mirror of modesty and innocence, and having no other care but to serve God and please the King her husband.'

1. James V. of Scotland. 2. Philibert of Savoy.

## FRANCIS I.

(2) at Mont-de-Marsan, 4 July, 1530, Eleanor of Austria\* (widow, 1521, of Manuel the Great, King of Portugal; *b.* at Louvain, 1498; *d.* at Talavera, 18 Feb. 1558; buried in the Escorial), daughter of Philip the Handsome, Archduke of Austria, and Joanna, daughter of Ferdinand and Isabella. (No issue.)

### MISTRESSES.

(1) CHÂTEAUBRIAND† (Françoise de Foix) Comtesse de; *b.* 1495; *d.* 16 Oct. 1537, at Château de Châteaubriand, Brittany; *m.* 1509, Jean de Laval-Montmorency, Comte de Châteaubriand; 1514, at Court for funeral of Anne of Brittany; becomes mistress to Francis, and incurs hatred of his mother, Louise of Savoy; 1526, superseded by the Duchesse d'Étampes; 1537, Francis visits her at Châteaubriand.

(2) ÉTAMPES (Anne de Pisseleu), Duchesse d'; *b.* at Heilley, in Picardy, 1508; *d.* 1576, Château de Challuau (dep. *Seine et Marne*); daughter of Guillaume

\* Her marriage was stipulated for by the Treaty of Cambrai, 14 Jan. 1526. She did all she could to keep her husband and brother (Emperor Charles V.) good friends, but, disgusted at her husband's infidelities, she withdrew from public life and devoted herself to offices of piety.

† There are two Countesses—the legendary: she is imprisoned and finally murdered by her husband, who bleeds her to death; the real: mistress to the King till 1524, superseded in 1526, returns and lives with her husband.

## FRANCIS I.

de Pisseleu and Anne, *née* Sanguin (the second of the three wives by whom Guillaume had thirty children); 1525, Maid of Honour to Louise of Savoy; Jan., 1526, meets Francis on his return from prison in Madrid at Mont-de-Marsan; 1536, marries Jean de Brosse; 1540, in correspondence with Charles V.; 1547, banished from Court the day Francis died.\*

\* 'Abandoned and despised by all, Anne d'Étampes, "the fairest of the wise and the wisest of the fair," dragged out her weary years on the estate which the contemptuous pity of the Court allowed her to retain.'

## HENRY II.

(1547-1559.)

Second (but first surviving) son of Francis I. and Claude, daughter of Louis XII. ; *b.* at St. Germain-en-Laye, 31 March, 1519 ; crowned at Rheims, 26 July, 1547 ; *d.* at the Tournelles, 10 July, 1559 heart buried at Paris, Orleans Chapel, Church of the Celestins ; body at St. Denis.

Married, at Marseilles, Nov. 1533, Catherine de Médicis\* (*b.* at Florence, 13 April, 1519 ; *d.* at Blois, 5 Jan. 1589), daughter of Laurent de Médicis and Madeleine de Boulogne. (Issue : five sons, Francis, his successor ; Louis, *b.* 1548, *d.* 1550 ; Charles, successor of Francis ; Henry, successor of Charles ; Francis (Hercules),<sup>1</sup> *b.* 1554, *d.* 1584 ; five daughters, Elizabeth,<sup>2</sup> *b.* 1545, *d.* 1568 ; Claude, *b.* 1547, *d.* 1575 ; Margaret,<sup>3</sup> *b.* 1553, *d.* 1615 ; Victoria Jane, *b.* and *d.* 1556.) First child born eleven years after marriage.

\* She gloried to Catholics in the St. Bartholomew Massacre ; repudiated all connection with it to others. Her character is a riddle ; she was all things to all men, but she came back always to the path Louis XI. had traced and Louis XIV. followed—concentration of power in the Crown.

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1. Duc d'Alençon.  
Duc d'Anjou.

2. = Philip II of Spain.  
3. = Henry of Navarre.

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## HENRY II.

### MISTRESS.

VALENTINOIS\* (Diane de Poitiers), Duchesse de ;  
*b.* at St. Vallier, 3 Sept. 1499 ; *d.* at Anet (dep. *Eure et Loir*) 22 April, 1566 ; daughter of Jean de Poitiers ;  
*m.* 1512 Louis de Brézé ; 1523, mistress of Francis I. ;  
1531, widow, wears mourning for rest of her life ;  
1536, mistress of the Dauphin, afterwards Henry II. ;  
1548, Duchess of Valentinois ; 1559, ordered by Catherine  
de Médicis to leave the Court on Henry's death ; retires  
to Château d'Anet.

\* 'She was twenty years older than Henry, and her ascendancy over him had something of the maternal about it.' 'A saturnine young King, strongly built, a tall cold woman of noble attitude, and a young Italian Queen hanging on her every word'—Henry, Diane, Catherine de Médicis.

## FRANCIS II.

(1559–1560.)

Son of Henry II. and Catherine de Médicis ;  
*b.* at Fontainebleau, 20 Jan. 1543–4 ; crowned at  
Rheims, 18 Sept. 1559 ; *d.* at Orleans, 15 Dec. 1560 ;  
heart buried at St. Croix, Orléans, body at St. Denis.

Married at Paris (Notre Dame), 24 April, 1558,  
Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots (*b.* at Linlithgow,  
5 Dec. 1542 ; *d.* (beheaded) at Fotheringay Castle,  
18 Feb. 1587), daughter of James V. of Scotland  
and Mary of Lorraine. She married, secondly,  
29 July, 1565, her cousin, Henry Darnley (issue :  
one son, James, *b.* 1566 ; crowned James VI. of  
Scotland, 1567 ; James I. of England, 1603 ; *d.*  
1625) ; thirdly, 15 May, 1567, James Hepburn,  
Earl of Bothwell (issue : none).



## CHARLES IX.

(1560-1574.)

Brother of Francis II. ; *b.* at St. Germain-en-Laye, 27 June, 1550 ; crowned at Rheims, 15 May, 1561 ; *d.* at Vincennes, 30 May, 1574 ; heart buried at Paris, Orleans Chapel, Church of the Celestins ; body at St. Denis.

Married at Mézières, 26 Nov. 1570, Elizabeth of Austria\* (*b.* at Vienna, 5 June, 1554 ; *d.* in the Monastery of St. Claire, Vienna, 22 Jan. 1592), daughter of Maximilien II. and Maria, elder daughter of Emperor Charles V. (Issue : daughter, Marie Elizabeth, died at Château d'Amboise, 2 April, 1578, aged five.)

### MISTRESS.

TOUCHET, Marie ; *b.* at Orleans, 1549 ; *d.* at Malesherbes, Orleannais, 1638 ; daughter of Jean Touchet, Councillor of the King, and Marie, natural

\* After the death of her sister Anne, his fourth wife, Philip II. of Spain offered his hand to Elizabeth, in the opinion of her late husband the most virtuous woman in the world, and was rejected.

## CHARLES IX.

daughter of Orable Mathy, Physician to the King; date of introduction to Charles, uncertain; *m.* 1578, François de Balzac d'Entragues (had two daughters by him, the elder, Henrietta, *b.* 1579, became Henry IV.'s mistress); 1610, retires from Court.\* (Issue: two sons, one died young; the other, *b.* 1573, *d.* 1650, became Duc d'Angoulême.

\* The 'incomparable Marie,' the dearly-loved mistress of Charles, had no desire, like the favourites of Francis I. and Henry II., to make a huge fortune; all she wanted was the King's heart. In her retirement she devoted herself to study—Plutarch is said to have been her favourite author.

## HENRY III.

(1574-1589.)

Brother of Charles IX. ; *b.* at Fontainebleau, 19 Sept. 1551 ; *d.* at St. Cloud (assassinated), 2 Aug. 1589.

Married at Rheims, Feb. 14, 1575 (day after his coronation), Louise de Vaudémont\* (*b.* at Nomény, [Lorraine], 30 April, 1533 ; *d.* at Château de Moulins, 29 Jan. 1601), daughter of Nicholas of Lorraine and Margaret of Egmont. Body buried first in the Capucins Church at Paris, then in the Cemetery Père la Chaise ; was removed in 1817 to St. Denis.

Died *s. p.*

### MISTRESS.

CLÉVES † (Marie de), Princesse de Condé ; *b.* 1553 ; *d.* in Paris, at the Louvre, 30 Oct. 1574 ; *m.* July, 1572, her cousin Henri, Prince de Condé ; 3 Oct. 1572, abjures Calvinism in the Church of St. Denis.

\* Catherine de Médicis, her mother-in-law, kept her husband away from her. In spite of Henry's gross profligacy, she was always faithful to him, and throughout her life led a blameless and obscure existence. After his murder (1589) she shared her twelve years of widowhood between the Château de Chenonceaux and the Château de Moulins, where she died.

† Henry's grief at her death was so keen, that he shut himself up for days, and appeared in public in mourning—in black covered all over with death's heads.

## HENRY IV.

(1589-1610.)

Henry of Navarre, tenth in descent from St. Louis, son of Anthony of Bourbon, King of Navarre, and Jeanne d'Albret; *b.* at Pau, 14 Dec. 1553; crowned at Chartres, 27 Feb. 1594; *d.* at Paris (assassinated), 14 May, 1610; heart buried at La Flèche (*Sarthe*), body at St. Denis.

Married (1) at Paris, 18 Aug. 1572, Margaret of Valois\* (*b.* at St. Germain-en-Laye, 14 May, 1553; divorced 17 Dec. 1599; *d.* at Paris, 27 March, 1615), third daughter of Henry III and Catherine de Médicis. (No issue.)

(2) At Lyons, 9 Dec. 1600, Marie de Médicis† (*b.* at Florence, 26 April, 1573; *d.* at Cologne, 3 July, 1642), daughter of Francis I., Grand Duke of Tuscany, and the Archduchess Jane of Austria. (Issue: two' sons, Louis, his successor; Gaston,

\* Brought up at St. Germain with Mary Stuart, she early showed her hostility to the Reformation, yet lived on good terms with her husband. After her divorce, 1599, she settled in Paris, dividing her time between her lovers, her verses, and her devotions.

† She was a woman of fine presence, tall and stout, cold and haughty and vindictive. Crowned the day before her husband was murdered, although she was neither grieved nor surprised at the news of his assassination, there is no proof that she was privy to the plot against him.

## HENRY IV.

Duke of Orleans, *b.* 1608, *d.* 1660; two daughters, Christine,<sup>1</sup> *b.* 1606, *d.* 1663; Henrietta Maria, *b.* 1609, *m.* 1625 Charles I. of England, *d.* 1669.)

### MISTRESSES.

[According to Lescure, Henry IV. had no less than fifty-six mistresses. Untitled ladies were rewarded with titles; nuns, of whom at least three were his mistresses, became Abbesses. Of the mistresses, the two best known, whose children were legitimatised, are]

(1) BEAUFORT (Gabrielle d'Estrées), Duchesse de; *b.* at Château de Cœuvres, Picardy, 1573; *d.* at Paris, 8 April, 1599; fifth daughter of Antoine d'Estrées and Françoise Babou de la Bourdaisière; 'The Charming Gabrielle' of Henry's verse; Nov. 1590, at Cœuvres, introduced to Henry by her lover, A. de Bellegarde; Aug. 1591, visits him in camp at Chartres; returns home and marries de Liancourt; Dec. 1592, joins Henry; June 7, 1594, has a son, Duc de Vendôme, born at Château de Concy; 27 Nov. 1594, at her house in Paris, Rue du Coq, Jean Châtel makes attempt on Henry's life; 1599, Henry proposes to make her Queen; April 8, she dies\*—poison, as usual, suspected falsely. (Issue: two sons, Cæsar, *b.* 1594, *legit.* 1595, Duc de Vendôme, 1598, *d.* 1665; Alexander, le Chevalier de

\* A week after Gabrielle's death, Henry wrote to her sister, 'The root of my love is dead: it will never sprout again.' Oct. 1 following he promises marriage to Henriette de Balzac d'Entragues—*Varium et mutabile semper, Henricus.*

## HENRY IV.

Vendôme, *b.* 1598, *legit.* 1599, *d.* 1629; one daughter, Catherine Henrietta, *legit.* 1597, *d.* 1663.)

(2) ENTRAGUES\* (Catherine Henriette de Balzac), Marquise d'; *b.* at Orleans, 1579; *d.* at Paris, 9 Feb. 1633; daughter of François de Balzac d'Entragues and Marie Touchet his wife, ex-mistress of Charles IX.; 1 Oct. 1599, Henry buys her from her father for 100,000 crowns; 1601, presented to the Queen at the Louvre; 1602, has a son a few days after the Queen—'hers are the bastards'; March, 1608, dismissed, recalled, finally breaks with Henry; December, 1610, joins in plot against Henry; gets off unpunished; in retirement for the rest of her life; lives to eat. (Issue: one son, Henry, *b.* 1601, Ambassador to England, 1665, *d.* 1682; one daughter, Gabrielle, *b.* 1602, *d.* 1627.)

\* 'She is such pleasant company,' said Henry, 'when she likes. She never lends herself to my caprices. On the contrary, if I go near her to caress her, she behaves so coldly that I have to go and seek my fortune elsewhere.'



## LOUIS XIII. (THE JUST).

(1610-1643.)

First son of Henry of Navarre and Marie de Médicis; *b.* at Paris, 14 May, 1601; crowned at Rheims, 17 Oct. 1610; *d.* at Paris, 14 May, 1643.

Married at Bordeaux, 24 Nov. 1615, Anne\* of Austria (*b.* at Madrid, 22 Sep. 1601; *d.* at Paris, 20 Jan. 1666). Regent 1643. (Issue: two sons, Louis XIV., 1638-1715; Philippe, Duc d'Orleans, 1640-1701.)

### MISTRESSES.

None; relations between him and Mlle. la Fayette and Mme. d'Hautefort, platonic; Louis the Chaste; 'hunting,' said the Papal Nuncio, 'is all he cares for.'

\* Whether Anne did marry Mazarin is a moot question; but after that Cardinal's death, 9 March, 1661, she retired from Court, devoted herself to works of piety, building churches, &c., and left as a last legacy to her son the exhortation to extirpate heresy in France.



## LOUIS XIV. (LE GRAND MONARQUE).

(1643-1715.)

Son of Louis XIII. and Anne of Austria ; *b.* at St. Germain-en-Laye, 5 Sept. 1638 ; crowned at Rheims, 7 June, 1654 ; *d.* at Versailles, 1 Sept. 1715 ; buried at St. Denis.

Married (1), at Isle des Faisans, in the River Bidassoa, which forms the boundary between France and Spain, 9 June, 1660, Marie Thérèse\* (*b.* at Madrid, 20 Sept. 1638 ; *d.* at Versailles, 30 July, 1683), elder daughter of Philip IV. of Spain and Elizabeth of France. (Issue : three sons, Louis, '*The Dauphin*,' *b.* 1661, *d.* 1711 ; Philip, Duc d'Anjou, *b.* 1668, *d.* 1671 ; Francis, Duc d'Anjou, *b.* and *d.* 1672 ; three daughters, Anne, *b.* and *d.* 1662 ; Mary, *b.* and *d.* 1664 ; Maria Theresa, *b.* 1667, *d.* 1672.)

\* Indignant at her husband's infidelities, she kept for a time to her apartments, but, finally, despite her jealousy, had to wink at his unfaithfulness, and ride, one of the 'three Queens,' in the same chariot as two of his mistresses, Mademoiselle de la Vallière and Madame de Montespan.

## LOUIS XIV.

(2) Probably Jan. 1684, Maintenon\* (Françoise d'Aubigné), Marquise de; *b.* in prison at Niort, 17 Nov. 1635; *d.* at St. Cyr, 15 April, 1719; buried at St. Cyr. She had married, May, 1652, Paul Scarron (*d.* Oct. 14, 1660), poet and buffoon. 1669, governess to the King's children by Madame de Montespan. 1674, Marquise de Maintenon.

### MISTRESSES.

(1) VALLIÈRE,† Louise de la; *b.* at Tours, 6 Aug. 1644; *d.* at Paris, 6 June, 1710; 9 March, 1661, Maid of Honour to Duchess of Orleans; April, 1661, Louis's mistress; 1668, supplanted by Madame de Montespan; 1670, retires to Benedictines, St. Cloud; brought back to Court; 1671, to Convent St. Marie at Chaillot; again brought back; April, 1675, takes formal leave of Court, and 4 June, enters Carmelite Convent, Faubourg St. Jacques, Paris, as Sister Louise de la Miséricorde. (Issue: three sons, one daughter; two sons died young; 3rd, Louis de Bourbon, *b.* 1667, legitimatised as Comte

b. 1663  
b. 1665  
b. 1667

\* As a wife wholly admirable, she had to entertain a man who would not be amused, and yet to be always cheerful herself. Her virtue almost amounted to prudery. A born teacher, she was in her element at St. Cyr, the institution she had established (1686) for the education of poor girls of good family.

† At seventeen, graceful rather than handsome, with blue eyes and flaxen hair, and sweet smile and soft voice, she had nothing about her of the *maitresse en titre*, but kept in the background between her love for Louis and her perpetual remorse on account of it.

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de Vermandois, 1669, *d.* 1683; daughter, Marie Anne de Bourbon, *b.* 1666, legitimatised 1667 as Mlle. de Blois, *d.* 1739.) *m. Prince de Conti*

(2) MONTESPAN\* (Françoise Athenais de Rochechouart), Marquise de; *b.* at Château de Tonnay-Charente, 1641; *d.* at Bourbon l'Archambault (dep. *Allier*), 27 May, 1707; 1660, Maid of Honour to the Queen; *m.* 20 Jan. 1663, the Marquis de Montespan; 1665, has a son by him (Duc d'Antin, 1665-1736); 1667, mistress of Louis; 1679, Mistress of the Household to the Queen; 1691, retires to Convent de St. Joseph, founded by her, Rue Saint Dominique, Paris. (Issue: three sons, three daughters; one son and one daughter died young: Louis Auguste de Bourbon (1670-1736), legitimatised 1673, Duc du Maine; Louis Alexandre (1678-1737), legitimatised 1681, Comte de Toulouse; Louise Françoise (1673-1743), legitimatised 1673, Mlle. de Nantes; Françoise Marie (1677-1749), legitimatised 1681, Mlle. de Blois.) *+ Louis César, Comte de Vexin (1672-1683)*

(3) SOUBISE† (Anne de Chabot), Princesse de; *b.* 1648; *d.* at Paris, 3 Feb. 1709; *m.* 1663, as second wife, François de Rohan, Prince de Soubise; 1664, Lady-in-

\* A great patron of literature and art, she had among her *protégés* Boileau, Corneille, and Racine, who showed his gratitude for her favour by producing her (1689) in *Esther* as "the elderly Vashti."

† A beautiful blonde, 'an occasional caprice of the King,' she coveted and got his riches solely for the sake of her husband, the only man she really cared for. Gold fell in showers, some of which went to purchase the Hôtel de Guise, which she turned, as the Hôtel de Soubise, into the most dazzling mansion in Paris.

## LOUIS XIV.

Waiting to the Queen ; 1665-1676, mistress of Louis. From 1676 to her death from scrofula at the Hôtel de Soubise, keeps up, by arrangement with Madame de Maintenon, a correspondence with the King. (Issue uncertain : her eleven children were all acknowledged by her husband, though one, afterwards Cardinal de Rohan, bore a striking resemblance to Louis.)

(4) FONTANGES\* (Marie-Angélique de Scoraille de Rousille), Duchesse de ; *b.* in the Limousin, 1661 ; *d.* at Port Royal, 15 June, 1681, of rapid consumption ; 1679, Maid of Honour to the second Duchess of Orleans (Elizabeth Charlotte of Bavaria) ; 1679, presented to Louis by Madame de Montespan ; receives 10,000 crowns a month, and becomes Duchesse de Fontanges ; 12 June, 1681, visited by the King. 'I can die happy, for my last look has seen the King weeping.'

\* 'When Madame de Montespan praised this child to Louis as "so new, so exactly and perfectly beautiful, so faultless from head to foot," she thought the marble statue had no will of its own. The girl became so insolent in her few months of exaltation, that she forgot all her friends, and went so far as to forget to curtsy to the Queen.'

## LOUIS XV.

(1715-1774.)

Son of Louis, Duke of Burgundy (grandson of Louis XIV.) and Marie Adelaide of Savoy, *b.* 15 Feb. 1710; succeeded his great-grandfather, Louis XIV., 1 Sept. 1715; crowned at Rheims, 25 Oct. 1722; *d.* at Versailles, 10 May, 1774; buried at St. Denis, 12 May, 1774.

Married 5 Sept. 1725, Marie Leczinska\* (*b.* 23 June, 1703; *d.* 24 June, 1768), daughter of Stanislas, King of Poland. (Issue: one son, Louis the Dauphin, *b.* 1729, *d.* 1765; six daughters, Louise, *b.* 1727, *d.* 1759; Henrietta, *b.* 1727, *d.* 1752; Adelaide, *b.* 1732, *d.* 1800; Victoria, *b.* 1733, *d.* 1799; Sophie, *b.* 1734, *d.* 1782; Louise Marie, *b.* 1737, *d.* 1787.)

### MISTRESSES.

(1) TOULOUSE† (Marie Sophie Victoire de Noailles),

\* Neglected by the King, and given over to a collection of unprincipled women, she remained good and pure owing to her innate virtue; possessed of a pungent wit, she held her own in that corrupted Court by making herself charmingly disagreeable.'

† 'She, twenty-two years the King's senior, plump and good-looking, it was who, despite her age and the religious observances so strictly kept up at Rambouillet, first taught Louis XV. the meaning of the verb to love.'



## LOUIS XV.

Comtesse de, 1688–1766. widow of the Marquis de Gontran; *m.* (secondly) 22 Feb. 1723, Louis Alexander de Bourbon, Comte de Toulouse, legitimatised son of Louis XIV. and Mme. de Montespan.

The four DE NESLE sisters, who were mistresses of Louis:—

- (2) LOUISE JULIE,\* *b.* 1710; *m.* 1726 her cousin, Louis Alexandre de Mailly; *d.* 5 March, 1751.
- (3) PAULINE FÉLICITÉ,† *b.* Aug. 1712; *m.* 28 Sept. 1739, the Marquis de Vintimille; *d.* 10 Sept. 1741, having given birth to a son, 1 Sept. at Choisy.
- (4) DIANE ADELAÏDE,‡ *b.* 1714; *m.* 1742, Louis, Duc de Lauraguais; *d.* 30 Nov. 1769.

\* The only one of the sisters who showed that she had a heart: sold to Louis in 1732 for 20,000 livres, she was devoted to him, and retained her ascendancy over him till 1739, when she was supplanted by her sister.

† The ablest of the sisters, she seems to have been the only woman Louis ever really loved. During the two years their connection lasted he is said to have written her over two thousand letters. She died of fever in the arms of her confessor, and he, carrying a last message from her to her sister, De Mailly, fell dead on entering her salon.

‡ “His Majesty,” says d’Argenson, “was sometimes so hungry as to taste that fat creature, De Lauraguais.” “That Lauraguais—that fat, that short, that ugly creature, bursting with fat, always lively, always ready to laugh at all the world.”

## LOUIS XV.

- (5) MARIE ANNE,\* *b.* Oct. 1717; *m.* 19 June, 1734, Jean Louis, Marquis de la Tournelle; created Duchess of Châteauroux, March, 1744; *d.* 28 Dec. 1744.

(6) POMPADOUR † (Jeanne - Antoinette Poisson), Marquise de; *b.* 29 Dec. 1722; *m.* 9 March, 1741, Charles Guillaume Lenormand d'Etioles; *d.* 15 April, 1764; buried 17 April, Convent de Capucines.

For several years after the death of Pompadour there was no official mistress, only intrigues with various ladies—the Marquise de Choiseul, Madame de Martinville, Mlle. Grande, Mlle. de Ville, and la Baronne de Salis.'

(7) ROMANS, Mademoiselle de; *b.* 1742; introduced to the King, 1760; had by him a son, known after as the Abbé de Bourbon. She married a M. de Caveinac; died (?) ‡

\* She introduced herself to Louis by a ruse, and 'on account of her virtues' was created by letters patent a peeress of France. During her illness the King himself offered up prayers for her, and after her death the Queen wrote and asked permission 'to come to Trianon and mingle her tears with his.'

† 'Cool as a cucumber, she was introduced to Louis in March, 1745, and, after a supremacy of nineteen years, gave up her influence gained by tact and complacency. She went her own way, a make-up of ambition, meanness, and self-seeking.

‡ It is certain that she was living in the reign of Louis XVI., whose patronage she obtained for her son, the Abbé de Bourbon. She was a giantess over six feet high, and, as the Abbé de Soulavie writes, 'her hair was in such quantity that she covered herself with it as with a cloak when she received the King.'



## LOUIS XV.

DU BARRY\* (Jeanne Bécu), Comtesse; *b.* 19 Aug. 1743; *m.* 1 Sept. 1768, Guillaume du Barry, brother of Jean du Barry, whose mistress she had been; guillotined at Paris, 8 Dec. 1793.

\* Of her Marie Antoinette wrote: 'She is Queen. It is raining while I write: probably she has let it rain.' Of all the mistresses of Louis XV., the Du Barry—with the possible exception of Madame de Mailly—remains the most amiable and sympathetic; but the Monarchy had but one step to make towards its fall: it went to it leaning on Du Barry's arm.

## LOUIS XVI.

(1774-1793.)

Grandson of Louis XV.; *b.* at Versailles, 23 Aug. 1754; son of the Dauphin Louis and Marie Josèphe of Saxony; crowned at Rheims, 1774; guillotined 21 Jan. 1793; buried in the cemetery de la Madeleine.

Married at Versailles, 16 May, 1770, Marie Antoinette Josèphe Jeanne\* (*b.* at Vienna, 2 Nov. 1755; guillotined at Paris, 16 Oct. 1793), youngest daughter of the Emperor Francis I. and Maria Theresa. (Issue: two sons, Louis Joseph, *b.* 1781, *d.* 1789; Louis Charles [see Louis XVII.]); two daughters, Marie Theresa, Duchess of Angoulême, *b.* 1778, *d.* 1851; Sophie, *b.* 1786, *d.* 1787.)

### MISTRESSES.

None. 'The uxorious locksmith.'

\* 'Marie Antoinette's high mien in adversity, and the contrast between the dazzling splendour of her first years and the scenes of outrage and bloody death that made the climax of her fate, cannot but strike the imagination of men.'

LOUIS XVII. (TITULAR KING).

(1793-1795.)

Second son of Louis XVI. and Marie Antoinette; *b.* at Versailles, 27 March, 1785; Dauphin after the death of his brother, 4 June, 1789; *d.* at Paris, in the Temple, 8 June, 1795.

## NAPOLEON I. (EMPEROR).

(1804–1814, and 1815, ‘The Hundred Days.’)

Second son of Charles Bonaparte (*b.* 1746, *d.* 1785) and Marie Letitia, *née* Ramolino (*b.* 1750, *d.* 1836); *b.* at Ajaccio, 15 Aug. 1769; crowned at Paris, 2 Dec. 1804; *d.* 5 May, 1821, at St. Helena.

Married (1) 9 March, 1796, Josephine, *née* Tascher de la Pagerie\* (*b.* at Martinique, 23 June, 1763; *div.* 15 Dec. 1809; *d.* at Malmaison, 29 May, 1814), widow of the Viscount Alexander Beauharnais, guillotined 23 June, 1794, by whom she had one son, Eugène-Rose (*b.* 1780; adopted by Napoleon, 1806; Duke of Leuchtenberg, 1817; *d.* 1824), and one daughter, afterwards Queen Hortense.

(2) 1st April, 1810, Marie Louise† (*b.* 12 Dec.

\* One of the only two women Napoleon ever loved. She gave him cause for jealousy in their early married days, but he overlooked it, and divorced her solely because she was childless.

† A brainless woman. After Napoleon's death she married her Chamberlain, Count Niepperg, in 1827, to whom she had borne a daughter during Napoleon's life, and a son, afterwards Prince of Montenuovo, three months after his death.

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1791 ; *d.* 17 Dec. 1847), eldest daughter of Francis I. Emperor of Austria, and Marie Thérèse of the Two Sicilies. (Issue : Napoleon II., King of Rome ; *b.* at Paris, 20 March, 1811 ; *d.* at Schönbrunn, 22 July, 1832.)

## MISTRESSES.

Napoleon I. was a man of many amours but few mistresses. Among the most important were—

(1) FOURÈS, MARGARET PAULINE, *b.* 1777, wife of a cavalry lieutenant. On their honeymoon her husband was ordered off to Egypt : she, as many other soldiers' wives of the day, accompanied him, and made Napoleon's acquaintance 1 Dec. 1798. The lady refusing to yield, her husband, 17 Dec., was sent off with dispatches to the Directory, and Margaret became openly the General's mistress. The husband, taken prisoner and sent back by the English, obtained a divorce. Napoleon was so infatuated at the time that he contemplated divorcing Josephine and marrying her, if there were any chance of a child. But with Napoleon's return to France, Margaret's chance was gone—the First Consul had other things to attend to ; but he married her, with a large dowry, to an old artilleryman, de Ranchoup. He had no more to do with her. She was of a literary and artistic turn, and became

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the friend of Rosa Bonheur, and lived down to the year 1869, when she died at 92.

(2) REVEL (*née* Dénulle), ELEANOR, *b.* 13 Sept. 1787, living 1846. She was at Madame Campan's school at St. Germain-en-Laye with the Beauharnais and the Bonapartes. Married, 15 Jan. 1805, a Capt. Revel, who was put in prison for forgery two months after. Became companion that year to Caroline Bonaparte, meets the Emperor on his return from Austerlitz in Jan. 1806, and has a son, Léon, 13 Dec. 1806. No doubt as to the child's paternity. Napoleon hears of it 31 Dec. 1806, and determines to break with Josephine, 'not his fault that they have no children.' He refuses to see her, but gives her a house, and settles 22,000 francs a year upon her. She married, 4 Feb. 1808, Lieut. Augier, and, on his death, the Comte de Luxbourg, 25 May, 1814. Napoleon took a fancy to Léon, and remembered him in his will. He lived on, and obtained from Napoleon III. a pension of 6000 francs, and died at Pontoise, 15 April, 1881.

(3) GRASSINI, JOSEPHINE, *b.* at Warsaw, 1773; *d.* at Milan; a famous singer and beauty. After Marengo, in 1800, Napoleon saw her in La Scala Theatre, and took her to Paris 'less as a singer than a mistress.' She had an allowance of fifteen thousand francs a month, and to Napoleon's disgust eloped with one Rode, a famous violinist. Returning to the Paris stage under the Empire, she became the popular favourite.

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(4) WALEWSKA, MARIE COLONNA,\* *b.* about 1789, *d.* 10 Dec. 1817; the wife of an old and austere Polish noble; met Napoleon at a ball in Warsaw in 1807, and hoping to obtain better terms for Poland, yields to him; has a son by him at Schönbrunn, *d.* May, 1810. On her arrival in Paris, Josephine invited her to Malmaison; visits Napoleon at Elba in August, and stays with him till 3 Sept. 1814. In 1816, on the death of her husband, she marries Count Philippe d'Ornano, and *d.* 10 Dec. 1817.

\* She was Napoleon's great passion. Their son, *d.* 26 Sept. 1868, was Ambassador to England and Minister for Foreign Affairs under Napoleon III.



## LOUIS XVIII.

(1814-1824.)

Brother of Louis XVI. ; *b.* at Versailles, 17 Nov. 1755 ; *d.* at Paris, 16 Sept. 1824.

Married, 14 May, 1771, Louise Marie Josephine de Savoie\* (daughter of Victor Amadeus III., King of Sardinia) ; *b.* 1753 ; *d.* 10 Nov. 1810, at Gosfield Place, Essex. They had no children.

### MISTRESSES.

BALBI† (Josephine Louise de Caumont), Comtesse de ; *b.* 1763 ; *m.* 1779, a Swiss nobleman, the Comte de Balbi ; *d.* at Tours, 3 April, 1842.

\* 'She would have won the prize for ugliness,' writes Mme. du Deffand. Madame Campan, more polite, tells us that her eyes were the only attractive point about her. The first time the future Louis XVI. saw his sister-in-law, he could not help remarking that she was devilish ugly.'

† A reckless and extravagant gambler, she made the acquaintance of Louis, then Comte de Provence, as Lady of the Bedchamber to his wife. Her intrigues and caprices disgusted him, and, after the Restoration, she only had one interview with him, brought about by a Court intrigue to overthrow the favourite Minister, Decazes.

## LOUIS XVIII.

CAYLA\* (Zoe Victoire Talon), Comtesse du ; *b.* 1784 ; daughter of Omer Talon, Advocate-General at the Chatelet ; *m.*, on leaving Madame Campan's school, where she had as companions Hortense de Beauharnais (Queen of Holland), Caroline Bonaparte (Queen of Naples), Baschi du Cayla, a Hungarian proprietor ; *d.* at Paris, 19 March, 1852.

\* Introduced at Court after the Restoration, she exercised over Louis unbounded influence. Their intimacy is said to have been purely platonic. The King lavished enormous sums of money upon her, gave her the Château de Saint Ouen, which she left to his grand-nephew, the Duc de Chambord, who refused the legacy.

## CHARLES X.

(1824-1830.)

Brother of Louis XVI. and of Louis XVIII. ;  
*b.* at Versailles, 9 Oct. 1757; *d.* at Goritz (Austria),  
6 Nov. 1836.

Married, when Comte d'Artois, at Versailles,  
16 Nov. 1773, Marie Thérèse of Savoy\* (*b.* at Turin,  
1756; *d.* at Klagenfurt, 2 June, 1805), second  
daughter of Victor Amadeus III., King of Sardinia.  
(Issue: two sons, Louis, Duc d'Angoulême, *b.* 1775,  
*d.* 1844; Charles, Duc de Berry, *b.* 1778, *d.* [assassi-  
nated] 1820.)

While King he seems never to have had a  
mistress.

\* 'Stately, though short and with a dazzling white complexion, so  
long as her sister-in-law, Marie Antoinette, had no children she was  
the most important lady at Court, as being the mother of the heir  
to the Crown, but her importance passed away with the birth of the  
Dauphin, 1785.'

'Charles left behind him the memory of a man commendable, at  
least during the last half of his life, for his private virtues.'

# LOUIS PHILIPPE (KING OF THE FRENCH).

(1830-1848.)

Eldest son of Louis Philippe Égalité; born at Paris, 6 Oct. 1773; *d.* at Claremont, Surrey, 26 Aug. 1850.

Married (when Duc d'Orléans) at Palermo, 25 Nov. 1809, Marie Amélie\* (*b.* at Caserta, 26 April, 1782; *d.* 24 March, 1866, at Claremont), second daughter of Ferdinand and Queen Caroline of Naples. (Issue: five sons, Ferdinand, Duc d'Orléans, *b.* 1810, *d.* 1842; Philip, Duc de Nemours, *b.* 1814, *d.* 1896; Francis, Prince de Joinville, *b.* 1818, *d.* 1900; Henry, Duc d'Aumale, *b.* 1822, *d.* 1897; Antony, Duc de Montpensier, *b.* 1824, *d.* 1890; three daughters, Louise, Queen of the Belgians, *b.* 1812, *d.* 1850; Marie, Princess of Wurtemberg, *b.* 1813, *d.* 1839; Clementine, Princess of Saxe-Coburg, *b.* 1817, *d.* 1907.)

\* Never was there a happier marriage. She was buried by the side of her husband in her widow's cap, at her own request, in order to show 'how unalterably faithful she remained to the two guiding feelings of her life—her devotion to her royal spouse and her love for her adopted country.'

## NAPOLEON III.

(1852-1870.)

*b.* at Paris, 20 April, 1808 ; proclaimed Emperor, 2 Dec. 1852 ; *d.* at Chislehurst, 9 Jan. 1873.

Married 29 Jan. 1853, Eugénie de Guzmán, Comtesse de Theba (*b.* 5 May, 1826 ; still living). (Issue : one son, the Prince Imperial, *b.* 16 March, 1856 ; *d.* 1 June, 1879.)



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